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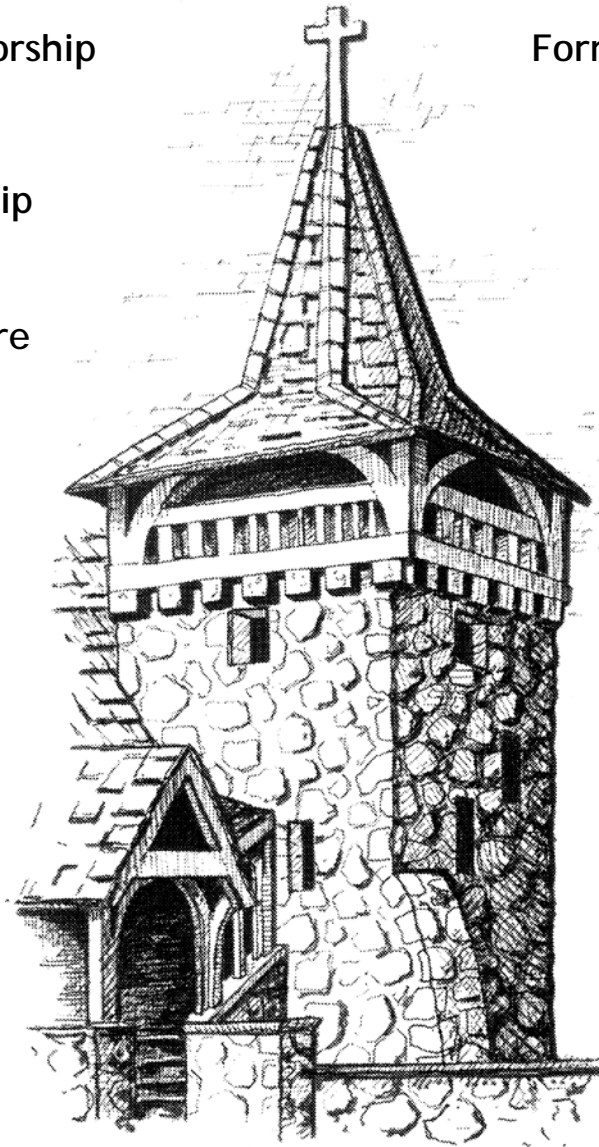
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today,
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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal.

Voluntary: Hilf, Gott, dass mirs gelinge

J.S. Bach

The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing

The Processional Hymn No. 460 (verses 1-4)

HYFYDOL

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The hymn is sung, all standing **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-280")*

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 232

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say

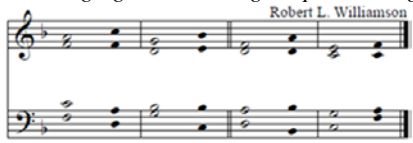
The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (1:1, 10-20)

The Gradual Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*

Prayer Book page # 654

The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant.



- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has **spoken**; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its **setting**.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its **beauty**, * God reveals himself in **glory**.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep **silence**; *
 before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging **storm**.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from **above** * to witness the judgment of his **people**.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal **followers**, *
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with **sacrifice**."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his **cause**; * for God himself is **judge**.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against **you**; *
 for I am God, your **God**."
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your **sacrifices**; * your offerings are always before **me**.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget **God**, * lest I rend you and there be none to deliver **you**.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors **me**; *
 but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of **God**."

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 405

ROYAL OAK

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (12:32-40)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Ms. Kathryn Nishibayashi

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The prayers are led today by a deacon. The deacon and People pray responsively,

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially ____: give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Keep watch over those who serve in the military, especially ____, and their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially _____. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially _____, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Deacon and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

The Holy Communion

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The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, this anthem will be sung.

The Call

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Susan Beach, soprano

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No. 43 (verse 4) *The Doxology*

THE EIGHTH TUNE

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")*

The Lord be with you. **People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a proper preface is sung.)* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")*

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we

For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.
(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

After Communion, the people stand and sing

Hymn No. 324

PICARDY

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Prayer Book page # 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people then stand and sing

The Final Hymn No. 473

CRUCIFER

The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: Grand Choeur

Cesar Franck

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.

Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.

The Angelus

∇. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary, ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

∇. See the handmaid of the LORD. ℞. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greetings, gracious Mary;

∇. And the Word was made flesh. ℞. And dwelt among us.

Greetings, gracious Mary;

∇. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Altar Flowers and The Sanctuary Candle are given this week by Jon and Marie Prentice in thanksgiving for their 20th wedding anniversary.

Please join us outside the parish hall for coffee hour following both services.

Announcements for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN – There are toys in the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th at Corfu Restaurant, located at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd., here in town. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person in the Parish Hall. The group usually meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

8/8 – Dominic (*Priest and friar, 1221*) **8/9 – Herman of Alaska** (*Missionary to the Aleuts, 1837*) **8/10 – Laurence** (*Deacon and martyr at Rome, 258*) **8/11 – Clare** (*Abbess at Assisi, 1253*) **8/12 – Florence Nightingale** (*Nurse, Social reformer, 1910*) **8/13 – Jeremy Taylor** (*Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore, 1667*)

LEADERSHIP: Rector: The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Mr. Robert Williamson; **Minister to Young Persons:** Ms. Jobi McGuffie;
Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; **Administrative Coordinator:** Mrs. Jean Rowe; **Altar Guild Director:** Mrs. Lynne Holl; **Senior Warden:** Mr. Gordon Tomaske; **Junior Warden:** Mr. Cameron Cox; **Treasurer:** Mr. Dan Hanson

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